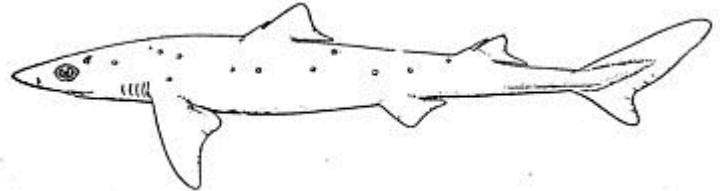


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TO: Concerned Agencies

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**Massachusetts Commercial Dogfish Fishery to Close on November 21 , 2001**

Massachusetts DMF has projected that the Period II 2001 commercial quota of 1.6 million pounds for spiny dogfish will be reached by Wednesday November 21, 2001. This means that beginning Wednesday November 21 at 0001AM commercial fishermen may not fish for, retain, possess, or land dogfish in waters under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth or in Massachusetts ports until May 1, 2002 or until further notice.

Questions on this action can be directed to DMF's David Pierce at 617-626-1532.